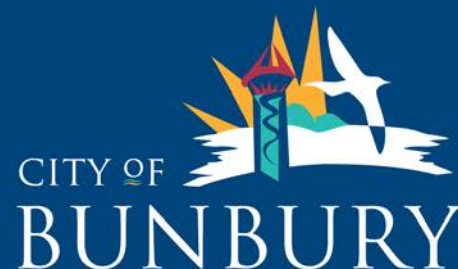


# MEDIA STATEMENT



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## **Mayor returns and new faces join council**

Gary Brennan will serve a second term as Mayor and two new faces will take their place in Council chambers following Saturday's City of Bunbury Local Government elections.

Mr Brennan topped the Mayoral poll with 2305 votes, or 29.26 per cent of the votes, more than 800 ahead of second-placed Brendan Kelly (1495) and Betty McCleary (1480). Michelle Steck (1110), Ross Slater (903), Jason Shaw (406) and Zyggi Uchwal (179) rounded out the count.

The contest for the six vacant councillor positions was a tight affair with two new faces, Todd Brown (2978 votes) and Tresslyn Smith (2197), joining Bunbury City Council. They take the seats of retiring councillor Judy Jones and serving councillor Wendy Giles, who missed out on being re-elected.

Sitting councillors James Hayward (3514 votes), Michelle Steck (2638), Karen Steele (2431) and Jaysen Miguel (2232) were returned.

A record field of 22 candidates vied for the six vacancies and completing the count were Kris Plumb (2134), Karen Turner (2098), Wendy Giles (2082), Emma Nisbett (2069), Jodi Larke (1991), Jim Stephen (1871), Keith Palmer (1826), Jason Shaw (1597), Marina Quain (1514), Alfred Leigh (1405), Joanna Hugues-Dit-Ciles (1375), Mel Baruffi (1329), Joan Jenkins (1271), Beth Ferguson (1233), Ron Kinson (789) and Zyggi Uchwal (713).

Voter turnout for both the Mayoral and councillor elections was low with respective turnout rates of 35.1 per cent (the 2013 Mayoral ballot return rate was 36.23 per cent) and 34.37 per cent.

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